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2014 Hunter Education (HE) Instructor Academy

We are excited to be offering the 2014 HE Instructor Academy July 25th – 27th which complies with Wyoming Game and Fish Commission regulation Chapter 26 Section 4; subsection b whereby, all instructors shall attend a new instructor orientation workshop within two (2) years of becoming a certified instructor. Newly certified instructors have a two-year window to attend this orientation weekend in order to finalize their certification. The WGFD HE Instructor Academy has been offered once each summer since 2008. This pre-service/early in-service HE training opportunity is designed to increase correctness, credibility, and improve communication in an already strong program conducted by dedicated volunteers.

- ❑ Check-in will begin Friday, July 25th starting at 6:00 p.m. (dinner will not be served this evening so please grab something prior to your arrival) the evening session starts at 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ Saturday training sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast served at 7:00 a.m.
- ❑ Sunday training sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast served at 7:00 a.m. and departure will be Sunday at approximately 1:00 p.m. after lunch.

Meals and lodging will be provided by the WGFD and via a grant from the Central Wyoming Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI). Again this year the HE Academy will be conducted at YMCA of the Bighorns Camp Roberts, which is 16 miles west of Buffalo off Highway 16. Lodges with multiple beds and shared bathrooms limit the lodging to gender specific (married couples will not be staying together). The only expense to instructors will be providing their own transportation to this wonderful venue. PTSB credit is available for certified teachers attending this HE Academy.

The WGFD's message as established by the Game and Fish Commission includes six major topics. This academy will augment the understanding and the teaching strategies used for these six core areas in Wyoming.

1. *Hunter Responsibility and Ethics*
2. *Wildlife Conservation and Management - Bear implications for HE*
3. *Firearms and Firearms Safety - Live fire teaching protocols for Instructors*
4. *Game & Fish Statutes and Regulations*
5. *Wildlife Identification and Field care*
6. *Outdoor Safety & Survival*

Please contact me at the Casper HE office, 307-473-3439 / (james.dawson@wyo.gov) to reserve a spot.

Thanks,

James T. Dawson

